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CIA Chief Dulles Explains Why Russ Belittling Stalin

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Russian leaders today are attempting to use Stalin as a 'devil' to explain away old Soviet sins, Allen W. Dulles, director of Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, said here last night.

Speaking before some 600 persons at a World Affairs Council banquet in Hotel Statler, after his introduction by Paul G. Hoffman, former head of the Economic Cooperation Administration, Dulles said:

"The clew to their present policy lies more in the internal Soviet situation than in the requirements of their foreign policy."

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"The Soviet leaders are trying to meet their external and internal dilemmas by finding a convenient 'devil' which they can use to explain away past Soviet sins to the world and to their people as well as to demonstrate the present rulers . . . are different mentally and morally than they were under Stalin."

Dulles indicated destruction of the Stalin myth carries with it a real threat to internal discipline and unity of the Soviet Communist Party and the international Communist movement.

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Stalin," he said, "is likely to be merely a device—possibly a Trojan corpse rather than a Trojan horse—with which the long-suffering Russian people are . . . to be deceived in their expectation of a freer and better life."

He said the leaders are walking a dangerous tightrope—

they are trying to discredit Stalin without discrediting the Communist Party.

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